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TIMBER INDUSTRY DRIVES FOR CONTINUOUS OPERATION

The daily output per worker at the Udima Timber Management rose from 3.1 cubic meters for the fourth quarter of 1947 to 3.6 cubic meters for October-November 1948, and at the Beloruchevskiy Management, from 4.7 cubic meters to 5.2 cubic meters.

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Upon completion of the felling operations, the timber is skidded by horse-drawn transport. The flitch is then loaded on wagons and hauled to the timber storage point on the narrow-gauge railroad where it is stacked on platforms, awaiting shipment. Unloading, stacking, rolling, and loading at the timber-storage point become unnecessary and are eliminated.

At the Netchunysyevskiy Timber Management of the Novsibles Trust in Western Siberia the SG-60 tractor with one trailer made 25 - 30 trips over a distance of 200 meters and skidded 180 cubic meters per 8 hour shift. A bucking section of six men bucked 160 - 180 cubic meters of timber per day. A ten-man section with two electric saws bucked 280 cubic meters per day. Four stackers with four horses sorted and stacked 160 - 180 cubic meters of timber per shift. With the addition of a tractor and two horses the output rose to 280 cubic meters per shift. S-80 tractors, trailing flitch 350 meters, average about 164 cubic meters per shift.

Only conservatives or outright enemies of mechanization can cling to old, outmoded forms in the organization of logging by small brigades not combining felling with skidding and storing operations. These backward men must be vigorously opposed.

Advantages of continuous operation in logging are curtailment of the production cycle, an increase in labor productivity, and an acceleration in the delivery of timber of the consumers.

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